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SUBJECT: Soviet "Defense Industry"

1. Publishing business in the USSR is by and large organized according to types of subject matter. Thus, political literature is published by "Gospolitizdat," books relating to machine building are published by "Mashgiz," irrespective of the particular machine building ministry to which it may relate; books on agriculture are published by "Sel'khozgiz," etc.

2. Now, "oboronnaya promyshlennost" is a concept generally used to denote all defense industries, whether administered by the Ministry of Aviation, the Ministry of Armaments or the Ministry of Shipbuilding. Publications within this broad field are accordingly sponsored by the State Publishing House of the Defence Industry which is usually abbreviated as "Oborongiz."

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*CL* However, the Min. Aviation - Arm. & Shipbldg  
do publish in their own name, too, we have  
several other books here by "OBORONGIZ" - they  
all seem to be textbook in nature, on  
defence subjects. One was written, or sponsored  
by the Ministry of Higher Education.  
Suggestion: "State Publishing House for the  
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